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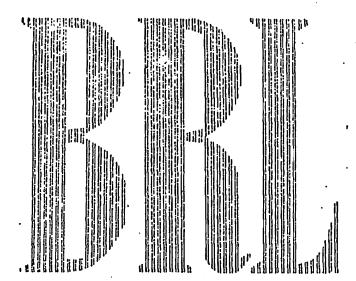
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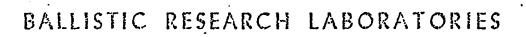


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#### ON ESTIMATING BALLISTIC LIMIT AND ITS PRECISION

Introduction. In current tests of armor plate; AP projectiles are fired at verious velocity levels against a given plate until some mixture of complete penetrations and partial penetrations is obtained. The "Ballistic Limit"# of the plate is then estimated somewhat arbitrarily by using the average velocity of two projectiles - on resulting in a complete penetration and the other a partial penetration. It is seen, however, that such a "rule-of-thunb" does not lead to a standard error which may be attached to the estimate of ballistic limit or to an estimate of the standard deviation of the distribution of velocities for the zone of "mixed results". The zone of "mixed results" is an interval exteriing from the velocity for which the proportion of penetrations would be zero to a velocity at which the proportion of complete penetration would be unity. The purpose of the present note is therefore to investigate a mothod for estimating the man or median (50%) velocity, the standard deviation of the distribution of velocities for the zone of mixed results and to approximate standard errors or estimates of precision which can be attached to the above two figures. The general problem here involves the analysis of so-called "sensitivity data".

Problems involving the use of sensitivity data have been dealt with in detail by C. I. Bliss [1], C. West Churchman [2] the Statistical Research Group, Princeton University [3] and others. All these treatments, however, deal with problems for which the levels of stimulus or test can be preassigned or controlled. There is a class of statistivity problems, however, for which the levels of test can neither be assigned precisely in advance or controlled. A typical problem of this type is the present one of determining the Ballistic Limit velocity of armor plate. For this case, a velocity, for example, of 2000 f/s may be aimed at (by adjustment of the weight of propellant powder), but due to a random distribution of velocities for a fixed charge, the velocity actually attained may be, say, 2015 f/s. Thus, it is not feasible to control velocity such that, for example, 5 projectiles could be fired at a velocity of 2000 f/s,

What losely as "that velocity at which a given type of projectile will penetrate a given (thickness and type of) amor plate". However, it turns out that for a series of AP projectiles fired at an appropriate constant velocity part of the projectiles will completely penetrate the plate and the remainder will not, the proportion penetrating depending on the level of velocity. Thus, for problems of this type it becomes necessary to regard the "Fallistic Limit" as a perceter of the probability distribution involving the proportion of successes for various levels of velocity.

another 5 rounds at 2025 f/s, etc. Once map projectile has been fired and its velocity measured, however, then it can be said that the velocity attained is known rather precisely and is thus "free of error". In the execution of a test for determining the Ballistic Limit of a given armor plate, therefore, the results of such a test usually yield a set of distinct projectile velocities or testing levels. Assuming that each projectile has a "critical velocity" at or above which the projectile will penetrate the plate and below which it will fail to penetrate, and also that these critical velocities follow the Normal Distribution law, then the general problem may be to determine for any given velocity the probability of a penetration. However, it is usually sufficient in many practical cases to determine that velocity for which the probability of penetration is one-half (defined hereinafter as the Ballistic Limit velocity). The remainder of this note is concerned with how the mean or Ballistic Limit velocity and standard deviation of the normally distributed critical velocities may be estimated from a unique set of velocities, and how the precision of our estimates may be approximated. Although our primary interest centers around tests of armor, it is apparent that the methods studied herein are generally applicable to other problems of the type considered in this note.

2. Determination of the Likelihood Function. As a result of test we have an observed set of generally distinct velocities, v., and a statement for each velocity that the projectile penetrated or failed to penetrate the plate. If the true probabilities of penetration at these velocities are p<sub>i</sub>, the probability of the observed set of observations may be written in the form

where under the assumption of the Normal Distribution of critical velocities

$$p_{i} = \int_{-c_{0}}^{t_{i}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^{2}/2}$$

$$dt=1-q_{i} = the chance of a complete$$

penetration at the velocity, v,,

$$t_1 = \frac{v_1 - \mathcal{N}}{\sigma}$$
 = the deviation in velocity from  $\mathcal{N}$  expressed

in standard units and  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are the unknown mean or 50% velocity and standard deviation in velocity, we desired to estimate.

The quantity  $d_1$  is a discrete random variable which takes the value 1 for a complete penetration and the value 0 for a partial or incomplete penetration. (At the velocity  $v_1$ , the quantity  $d_1$  has an expected or mean value of  $p_1$ ).

To estimate the parameters  $\varkappa$  and  $\sigma$ , employing R. A. Fisher's Method of Maximum Likelihood, it is customary to maximize the Likelihood function  $L=Log\ P$  i.e.

(2) 
$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \int_{1}^{n} \log p_{i} + (1 - d_{i}) \log q_{i}$$

3. Lethod of Maximum Likelihood for the Estimation of Mand o. In order to maximize L we equate to zero the partial derivatives of L with respect to Mend o, and then solve for the estimates A and o. [The caret is used to denote an estimate of a population parameter].

To maximize the function L, the derivatives of  $\mathbf{p_i}$  and  $\mathbf{q_i}$  with respect to  $\varkappa$  and  $\sigma$  will be needed. They are:

$$\frac{\partial P_{1}}{\partial \mathcal{M}} = \frac{z_{1}}{\sigma} \qquad \frac{\partial Q_{1}}{\partial \mathcal{M}} = \frac{z_{1}}{\sigma}$$

$$\frac{\partial P_{1}}{\partial \sigma} = -\frac{t_{1}z_{1}}{\sigma} \qquad \frac{\partial Q_{1}}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{t_{1}z_{1}}{\sigma}$$

where 
$$Z_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2}$$
 where  $t_i = \frac{v_i - \lambda l}{6}$ 

The maximum likelihood equations are then readily found to be

(3) 
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathcal{N}} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i} \left\{ (1 - q_i) \frac{z_i}{q_i} - \delta_i \frac{z_i}{p_i} \right\} = 0$$

(4) 
$$\frac{\partial \mathbf{L}}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \left\{ (1 - d_{\mathbf{i}}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{i}}}{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{i}}} - d_{\mathbf{i}} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{i}} \mathbf{z}_{\mathbf{i}}}{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{i}}} \right\} = 0$$

For an observed set of unique velocities, however, we substitute the actual  $\delta_1$  (i.e. 0 or 1) for each velocity and thus (1), (2), (3) and (4) may conveniently be rearranged and rewritten for computational purposes as

(la) 
$$P = p_1 p_2 - - - p_n q_1 q_2 - - q_m$$
 where

n= number of penetrations and m = number of non-penetrations.

(2a) 
$$L = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log p_i + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \log q_j$$
 (i for complete penetrations,

j for failures to penetrate)

(3a) 
$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \sum_{j} \frac{z_{j}}{q_{j}^{j}} - \sum_{j} \frac{z_{j}}{p_{j}^{j}} \right] = 0$$

$$(4a) \quad \frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{2}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{1}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{2}}{\mathbf{p}_{j}^{1}} \right] = 0$$

In order to solve the above set of equations [(3a) and (4a)) for /c end o the standard iteration method for estimating two parameters from the maximum likelihood principle will be employed. This procedure is particularly effective provided close first estimates of Mend o can be found. this connection, if a suitable number of rounds have been fired then the use of probability paper is expeditious in obtaining first estimates, by grouping the velocities, plotting the observed proportion of complete penetrations as a function of the observed velocities, and estimating A and o from the line graphed. Should the number of rounds fired be few, say five, a graphical first estimate may be obtained by plotting equation (3a) for varying  $\sigma$  and equation (4a) for varying  $\mathcal M$ . Intersection of these two curves will give a solution or a good first estimate to use. It is conceivable that for a given set of observations, however, practical solutions of equations (3a) and (4a) may not exist. That is to say, we vill not be concerned with values of the standard deviation.  $\sigma$ , for which  $\sigma < 0$ .

The appropriate simultaneous equations for iteration on  $\varkappa$  and  $\sigma$  are

(5) 
$$-\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathcal{A}_0} = \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathcal{A}_0^2} \Delta \mathcal{A} + \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathcal{R}_0 \partial \sigma_0} \Delta \sigma$$

(6) 
$$-\frac{\partial \sigma^{0}}{\partial \Gamma} = \frac{\partial \kappa^{0} \partial \sigma^{0}}{\partial s^{\Gamma}} \quad \nabla \kappa + \frac{\partial \sigma^{0}}{\partial s^{\Gamma}} \quad \nabla \alpha$$

Where  $\Delta R = R - R_0$  and  $\Delta \sigma = \theta - \sigma_0$  give the approximate errors in  $R_0$  and  $\sigma_0$  as the increments to be added to the estimates  $(R_0, \sigma_0)$  in the iteration process.

It is evident from (5) and (6) that the second partial derivatives of L are needed for the iteration and they are:

$$(7) \quad \frac{\partial^{2} y_{i}}{\partial / (2)} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \left[ \sum_{j} \frac{\dot{\tau}_{j} Z_{j}}{q_{j}} - \sum_{j} \frac{Z_{j}^{2}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\dot{\tau}_{i} Z_{j}}{p_{j}} - \sum_{j} \frac{Z_{j}^{2}}{p_{j}^{2}} \right]$$

(8) 
$$\frac{\partial^{2} \dot{i}}{\partial \varkappa \partial \sigma} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \left[ \sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{i}}{q_{i}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} \dot{I}_{j}^{2}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{i}}{p_{i}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} \right] - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{j}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{j}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} = \sum_{j} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{t_{i}^{2} \dot{I}_{i}^{2}}{p$$

(9) 
$$\frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{L}}{\partial \sigma^{2}} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \left[ \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{2} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{2} \mathbf{Z}_{j}^{2}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{2}} \right] + \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{j}}{\mathbf{q}_{j}^{3}} + \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{3} \mathbf{Z}_{$$

$$\sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}z_{i}}{p_{i}} - \sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}z_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} + \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \left[ \underbrace{\xi \frac{t_{i}z_{i}}{\rho_{i}} - \underbrace{\xi \frac{t_{i}z_{i}}{\eta_{i}}}}_{\eta_{i}} \right]$$

By examination of those equations it is apparent (see numerical example below) that the computational work involved can be accomplished somewhat readily on a desk calculator, since ell expressions involved are functions of the following columns of factors.

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Values of  $t_1$ ,  $Z_1/p_1$  and  $Z_1/q_1$  are given in Tables I and II and were taken from reference [4].

4. The Approximate Variances of  $\angle$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$ . Approximations for the variances of  $\angle$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$  may be obtained, in accordance with existing Maximum Likelihood theory, from the expected values of the second partial derivatives of the likelihood L as expressed in (2).

The second partial derivatives of the likelihood L as expressed in (2) are:

$$(10) \frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{L}}{\partial \mathcal{P}^{2}} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i} \left\{ (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i} \mathbf{Z}_{i}}{q_{i}} - (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{Z}_{i}^{2}}{q_{i}^{2}} - d_{i} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i} \mathbf{Z}_{i}}{p_{i}} - d_{i} \frac{\mathbf{Z}_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} \right\}$$

$$(11) \frac{\partial^{2}L}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i} \left\{ (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2}Z_{i}}{q_{i}} - (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2}Z_{i}^{2}}{q_{i}^{2}} - d_{i} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2}Z_{i}}{p_{i}} - d_{i} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2}Z_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} \right\}$$

$$(12) \frac{\partial^{2} L}{\partial \sigma^{2}} = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i} \left\{ (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{3} Z_{i}}{q_{i}} - (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2} Z_{i}}{q_{i}^{2}} - (1 - d_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2} Z_{i}}{q_{i}^{2}} \right\}$$

$$- \mathcal{S}_{1} \, \frac{\mathbf{t}_{1}^{3} \mathbf{z}_{1}}{p_{1}} + \mathcal{S}_{1} \, \frac{\mathbf{t}_{1}^{2} \mathbf{z}_{1}}{p_{1}} - \mathcal{S}_{1} \, \frac{\mathbf{t}_{1}^{2} \mathbf{z}_{1}^{3}}{p_{1}^{2}} + (1 - \delta_{i}) \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i} \, \mathbf{z}_{i}}{\beta_{i}} + \delta_{i} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i} \mathbf{z}_{i}}{\beta_{i}}$$

Since the expected value of  $\delta_1$  [i.e.  $E(\delta_1)$ ] is  $\overline{p_1}$ , we obtain from (3), (4), (10), (11), and (12) the following:
(13)  $E\left(\frac{\partial I_1}{\partial A}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i} \left\{ z_i - z_i \right\} = 0$ 

(14) 
$$E\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i} \left\{ t_i z_i t_i z_i \right\} = 0$$

(15) 
$$E\left(\frac{\partial^{2}I}{\partial \mathcal{A}^{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}}\sum_{i}\left\{-\frac{z_{i}^{2}}{q_{i}} - \frac{z_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}}\right\}$$

(16) 
$$E\left(\frac{\lambda^{2}I}{\lambda^{2}(\lambda^{2})}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i} \left\{ -\frac{t_{i}Z_{i}^{2}}{q_{i}} - \frac{t_{i}Z_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}} \right\}$$

(17) 
$$E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \mathbf{J}}{\partial \sigma^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{\mathbf{i}} \left\{ -\frac{\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{i}}^2 \mathbf{J}_{\mathbf{i}}^2}{\mathbf{q}_{\mathbf{i}}} - \frac{\mathbf{t}_{\mathbf{i}}^2 \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{i}}^2}{\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{i}}} \right\}$$

. Assuming that approximately

$$-E \left( \frac{\Im \alpha_{5}}{\Im \alpha_{5}} \right) = E \left[ \left( \frac{\Im \alpha}{\Im \Gamma} \right)_{5} \right]$$

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$$-E \left( \frac{\Im \alpha_{5}}{\Im \alpha_{5}} \right) = E \left[ \left( \frac{\Im \alpha_{5}}{\Im \Gamma} \right)_{5} \right]$$

and writing

$$V^{n/n} = -E\left(\frac{9/(3)}{S_3\Gamma}\right)$$

$$h_{NO} = -E\left(\frac{\partial^{2}J_{s}}{\partial u_{s}\partial\sigma}\right)$$

$$VQQ = -E\left(\frac{3^{Q}s}{3_{S}\Gamma}\right)$$

(which are the approximate variances and covariance of  $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$ ) then from a theorem on Maximum Likelihood estimates the variance-covariance matrix of  $\sum_{i=1}^{n}$  and C may be obtained as

$$A\mu\sigma$$
  $A\sigma\sigma$   $A\sigma\sigma$   $A\sigma\sigma$ 

in which  $A^{MC} \cong \sigma_{R}^{2}$ , the variance of  $\hat{\sigma}$ ; and  $A^{CC}$  is the approximate covariance of  $\hat{\sigma}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}$ .

5. Example. In firing five rounds of a given projectile at a given plate the following observations were recorded.

| Velocity | Condition of Impact |
|----------|---------------------|
| 2433     | Non-Pene tration    |
| 2415     | Non-Pene tration    |
| 2415     | Non-Peno trati on   |
| 2453     | Pene tration        |
| 2423     | Peno tration        |

Using the graphical method of obtaining a first estimate, as discussed in paragraph 3, we obtain for plausible first estimate,  $\varkappa_0 = 2440$  and  $\sigma_0 = 20$ . We are now in a position to employ the iteration method of solution and set up a systematic tabulation as follows:

|                  | N.P.                 | P            | t <sub>i</sub>          | t <sup>2</sup> | ti                         | z <sub>j</sub> /q <sub>j</sub> | z <sub>i</sub> /p <sub>i</sub> | Z²/q²          | Z²/p²           |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| q <sub>j</sub> . | 2433<br>2415<br>2415 |              | 350<br>-1.250<br>-1.250 | 1.5625         | 0429<br>-1.9531<br>-1.9531 | 204                            |                                | .3469<br>.0416 |                 |
| p <sub>i</sub>   | ·                    | 2453<br>2423 | .650<br>850             | .4225<br>.7225 | .2746<br>6141              |                                | .435<br>1.406                  |                | .1892<br>1.9768 |

$$\sigma\left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial n_0}\right) = \sum_{j} \frac{z_{j}}{q_{j}} - \sum_{i} \frac{z_{i}}{p_{i}} = -.8440$$

$$\sigma \left(\frac{2L}{\partial \sigma}\right)_0 = \sum_{i,j} \frac{t_i z_j}{q_i} - \sum_{i} \frac{t_i z_i}{p_i} = .1962$$

$$\sigma \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \mathbf{I}}{\partial \mathcal{I}^{2}}\right)_{0} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{j}^{2} \mathbf{J}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{\mathbf{z}_{j}^{2}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \frac{\mathbf{t}_{i}^{2} \mathbf{I}}{p_{i}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \frac{\mathbf{z}_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}^{2}} \right]_{0}^{+\alpha dd lerm (p)} = -.1200$$

$$\sigma \left( \frac{\partial^{2} L}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma} \right)_{0} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}^{2}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}^{2} Z_{i}}{p_{i}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}^{2} Z_{i}}{p_{i}^{2}} - \sum_{i} \frac{t_{i}^{2} Z_{i}}{p_{i}^{2}} \right] = .0646$$

$$\sigma \left(\frac{\partial^{2} L}{\partial \sigma^{2}}\right)_{0} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \left[ \frac{\sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} J}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} J}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}^{2}}{q_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{3} Z_{j}}{p_{j}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}}{p_{j}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}^{2}}{p_{j}^{2}} - \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}^{2}}{p_{j}^{2}} + \sum_{j} \frac{t_{j}^{2} Z_{j}^{2}}{p_{j}^{2}} \right]$$

Equations (5) and (6) now become

Solving for AA and Ao we get

$$\Delta \mu = -9.2; \ \Delta \sigma = -4.1$$

Our second estimate of  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $\sigma$  thus become approximately  $\hat{\mathcal{K}}=2430$  and  $\sigma_1^{\prime}=16$ . Repeating the above process twice more, we finally obtain estimates to the nearest ft/sec.; namely  $\hat{\mathcal{K}}=2431$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}:-15$ .

To determine the approximate variances of  $\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\sigma}}$  we compute

$$E\left(\frac{\partial^{2}L}{\partial\mu^{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i} \left\{ -\frac{Z_{i}^{2}}{q_{i}} - \frac{Z_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}} \right\} = \frac{1}{225} \left[ -2.301 \right] = -.01023$$

$$E\left(\frac{2^2L}{2\mu2\sigma}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\sum_{\mathbf{1}}\left\{-\frac{\mathbf{t_1}Z_1^2}{q_1} - \frac{\mathbf{t_1}Z_1^2}{p_1}\right\} = \frac{1}{225}\left[.7310\right] = .00325$$

$$E\left(\frac{\lambda^{2}L}{\lambda_{0}^{2}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^{2}} \sum_{i} \left\{ -\frac{t_{i}^{2}Z_{i}^{2}}{q_{i}} - \frac{t_{i}^{2}Z_{i}^{2}}{p_{i}} \right\} = \frac{1}{225} \left[ -1.7659 \right] = -.00735$$

Thus  $A_{MM} = .01023$ 

$$\Lambda_{XX} = -.00325$$

$$\Lambda\sigma\sigma = .00785$$

The variance-covariance matrix is given by

yielding

$$\sigma_{\lambda}^{2} = 112.6$$
  $\sigma_{\Delta}^{2} = 146.7$ 

$$c_{\lambda} = 10.6$$
  $c_{\lambda} = 12.1$ 

6. Conclusion. For the particular class of problems employing sensitivity data with which we are concerned in this report it is possible to determine by the Method of Maximum Likelihood estimates of the parameters A and o of the assumed underlying Normal Distribution. Mercover, it is possible to determine the approximate variances of these estimates.

It is recommended, however, that in the execution of the test care be taken to insure a good "zone of mixed results", i.e. a range of velocities which yield an entanglement of penetrations and non-penetrations. Probably the best way to obtain a good "zone of mixed results" would be the use of an "Up and Down" Method [3] of firing.

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TABLE I
VALUES OF Z /p

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|---------------------------------|---|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| t                               | .00   | .01                                    | •02            | •03   | •04            | •05   | .06            | .07   | •08            | •09            |
| 0.0                             | 0.798<br>0.735                                  | 0.792<br>0.729                         | 0.785<br>0.723 | 0.779 | 0.773<br>0.711 | 0.766 | 0.760          | 0.754 | 0.748<br>0.697 | 0.741<br>0.681 |
| 0.2                             | 0.675   | 0.669                                  | 0.663          | 0.657 | 0.652          | 0.646 | 0.640          | 0.634 | 0.629          | 0.623          |
| 0.3                             | 0.617   | 0.612                                  | 0.606          | 0.600 | 0.595          | 0.589 | 0.584          | 0.578 | 0.575          | 0.567          |
| 0.4                             | 0.562   | 0.556                                  | 0.551          | 0.546 | 0.540          | 0.535 | 0.530          | 0.525 | 0.519          | 0.53.4         |
| 0.5                             | 0.509   | 0.504                                  | 0.499          | 0.494 | 0.489          | 0.484 | 0.479          | 0.474 | 0.469          | 0.464<br>0.417 |
| 0.6<br>0.7                      | 0.459   | 0.454                                  | 0.449          | 0.445 | 0.440          | 0.435 | 0.430<br>0.385 | 0.426 | 0.376          | 0.572          |
| 0.8                             | 0.368   | 0.363                                  | 0.359          | 0.355 | 0.351          | 0.346 | 0.342          | 0.338 | 0.334          | 0.330          |
| 0,9                             | 0.326   | 0.322                                  | 0.318          | 0.314 | 0.310          | 0.306 | 0.303          | 0,299 | 0.295          | 0.291          |
| 1.0                             | 0.288   | 0.284                                  | 0.280          | 0.277 | 0.273          | 0.269 | 0.266          | 0.262 | 0.259          | 0.255          |
| 11                              | 0.252   | 0.249                                  | 0.245          | 0.242 | 0.239          | 0.235 | 0.232          | 0.229 | 0.226          | 0.223          |
| 1.2                             | 0.219   | 0.216                                  | 0.213          | 0.210 | 0.207          | 0.20; | 0.201          | 0.198 | 0.195          | 0.193          |
| 1.3                             | 0.190   | 0.187                                  | 0.184          | 0.181 | 0.179          | 0.176 | 0.173<br>0.148 | 0.171 | 0.168          | 0.165<br>0.141 |
| 1.4                             | 0.163   | 0.160                                  | 0.158          | 0.155 | 0.150          | 0.128 | 0.126          | 0.124 | 0.121          | 0.1.19         |
| 1.5<br>1.6                      | 0.117   | 0.115                                  | 0.113          | 0.111 | 0.110          | 0.108 | 0.106          | 0.104 | 0.102          | 0.100          |
| 1.7                             | 0.098   | 0.097                                  | 0.095          | 0.093 | 0.092          | 0.090 | 0.088          | 0.087 | 0.085          | 0.083          |
| - 1.8                           | 0.032   | 0.080                                  | 0.079          | 0.077 | 0.076          | 0.074 | 0.073          | 0.072 | 0.070          | 0.069          |
| 1.9                             | 0.063   | 0.066                                  | 0.065          | 0.064 | 0.062          | 0.061 | 0.060          | 0.059 | 0.058          | 0.056          |
| 2.0                             | 0.055   | 0.054                                  | 0.053          | 0.052 | 0.051          | 0.050 | 0.049          | 0.048 | 0.047          | 0.046          |
| . 2.1                           | 0.045   | 0.044                                  | 0.043          | 0.042 | 0.041          | 0.040 | 0.031          | 0.031 | 0.030          | 0.029          |
| 2.2<br>2.3                      | 0.036   | 0.035<br>0.028                         | 0.034<br>0.027 |       | 0.026          | 0.025 | 0.025          | 0.024 | 0.024          | 0.023          |
| 2.4                             | 0.023   | 0.022                                  |                | 0.021 | 0.020          | 0.020 | 0.019          | 0.019 | 0.019          | 0.018          |
| 2.5                             | 0.018   | 0.017                                  |                |       | 0.016          | 0.016 | 0.015          | 0.015 | 0.014          | 0.014          |
| 2.6                             | 0.014   |  | 0.013          | 0.013 | 0.012          | 0.012 | 0.012          | 0.011 | 0.011          | 0.011          |
| 2.7                             | 0.010   | 0.010                                  | 0.010          | 0.010 | 0.009          | 0.009 | 0.009          | 0.009 | 0.008          | 0.003          |
| 2.8                             | 0.008   | 0.003                                  |                | 0.007 | 0.007          | 0.007 | 0.007          | 0.007 | 0.006          | 0.006          |
| 2.9                             | 0.006   | 0.006                                  |                | 0.005 | 0.005<br>0.004 | 0.005 | 0.005          | 0.004 | 0.003          | 0.003          |
| 3.0                             | 0.004   | 0.004                                  |                | 0.004 | 0.004          | 0.003 | 0.003          | 0.003 | 0.005          | 0.002          |
| 3.1<br>3.2                      | 0.002   | 0.002                                  | 0.002          | 0.002 | 0.002          | 0.002 | 0.002          | 0.002 | 0.002          | 0.002          |
| 3.3                             | 0.002   | 0.002                                  | 0.002          | 0.002 | 0.002          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001          |
| 3.4                             | 0.001   | 0.001                                  | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001          |
| 3.5                             | 0.001   | 0.001                                  |                | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001          |
| 3.6                             | 0.001   | 0.001                                  | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.001          | 0.001 | 0.000          |       | _              |                |

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TABLE II · VALUES OF Z /Q

|   |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  | ····  |   |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|---|---|
| t   | .00  | .01  | •02  | :03   | .04  | .05  | .06  | •07  | •08   | •09   |
| 0.12345678901.234.5678901.1.23.1.45621.20.1 | 0.798<br>0.863<br>0.929<br>0.998<br>1.069<br>1.141<br>1.215<br>1.290<br>1.367<br>1.446<br>1.525<br>1.606<br>1.687<br>1.770<br>1.854<br>2.024<br>2.197<br>2.285<br>2.375<br>2.462 | 0.804<br>0.869<br>0.936<br>1.076<br>1.148<br>1.222<br>1.298<br>1.375<br>1.696<br>1.779<br>1.862<br>1.933<br>2.119<br>2.294<br>2.381<br>2.470 | 0.811<br>0.876<br>0.943<br>1.012<br>1.083<br>1.156<br>1.230<br>1.306<br>1.383<br>1.461<br>1.541<br>1.622<br>1.704<br>1.787<br>1.871<br>2.041<br>2.128<br>2.215<br>2.303<br>2.479 | 0.817<br>0.882<br>0.950<br>1.019<br>1.090<br>1.163<br>1.237<br>1.391<br>1.469<br>1.549<br>1.630<br>1.712<br>1.795<br>1.879<br>1.964<br>2.050<br>2.136<br>2.23<br>2.311<br>2.488 | 0.824<br>0.889<br>0.957<br>1.026<br>1.097<br>1.171<br>1.245<br>1.399<br>1.477<br>1.557<br>1.638<br>1.720<br>1.888<br>1.972<br>2.058<br>2.145<br>2.2320<br>2.406<br>2.497 | 0.830<br>0.896<br>0.964<br>1.033<br>1.178<br>1.253<br>1.329<br>1.485<br>1.565<br>1.646<br>1.729<br>1.896<br>1.981<br>2.067<br>2.154<br>2.329<br>2.417<br>2.506 | 0.836<br>0.902<br>0.970<br>1.040<br>1.112<br>1.185<br>1.260<br>1.356<br>1.414<br>1.493<br>1.573<br>1.655<br>1.757<br>1.820<br>1.900<br>2.076<br>2.162<br>2.338<br>2.426<br>2.515 | 0.843<br>0.909<br>0.977<br>1.1193<br>1.268<br>1.344<br>1.591<br>1.581<br>1.663<br>1.745<br>1.998<br>1.998<br>1.998<br>2.938<br>2.546<br>2.546<br>2.524 | 0.849<br>0.916<br>0.984<br>1.126<br>1.200<br>1.352<br>1.4509<br>1.590<br>1.758<br>1.922<br>2.009<br>2.180<br>2.255<br>2.443           | 0.856<br>0.923<br>0.991<br>1.062<br>1.134<br>1.207<br>1.283<br>1.360<br>1.458<br>1.517<br>1.598<br>1.679<br>1.679<br>1.762<br>1.846<br>1.930<br>2.015<br>2.102<br>2.188<br>2.276<br>2.453<br>2.542  |
| 22345678901234567890                        | 2.551<br>2.641<br>2.732<br>2.823<br>2.914<br>3.006<br>3.098<br>3.470<br>3.470<br>3.470<br>3.557<br>3.460<br>3.751<br>3.751<br>3.751<br>4.1226                                    | 2.560<br>2.650<br>2.741<br>2.832<br>2.923<br>3.015<br>3.107<br>3.292<br>3.479<br>3.757<br>3.757<br>3.757<br>3.757<br>4.125                   | 2.569<br>2.659   | 2.578<br>2.668<br>2.759<br>2.850<br>2.942<br>5.033<br>3.126<br>3.218<br>3.404<br>3.591<br>3.585<br>3.685<br>3.685<br>3.685<br>4.159<br>4.159<br>4.254                           | 2.587<br>2.677<br>2.768<br>2.859<br>2.951<br>3.043<br>3.135<br>3.227<br>3.507<br>3.601<br>3.695<br>3.789<br>4.073<br>4.169<br>4.264                                      | 2.596<br>2.687<br>2.869<br>2.960<br>3.052<br>3.144<br>3.237<br>3.516<br>3.799<br>3.988<br>4.033<br>4.173   | 2.605<br>2.696<br>2.878<br>2.969<br>3.061<br>3.246<br>3.526<br>3.526<br>3.714<br>3.902<br>3.997<br>4.188<br>4.283  | 2.614<br>2.705<br>2.795<br>2.887<br>2.978<br>3.070<br>3.165<br>3.441<br>5.625<br>3.725<br>3.937<br>4.102<br>4.107                                      | 2.623<br>2.714<br>2.805<br>2.8967<br>2.987<br>3.172<br>3.265<br>3.451<br>3.451<br>3.653<br>3.653<br>3.6732<br>4.111<br>4.206<br>4.302 | 2.652<br>2.725<br>2.814<br>2.997<br>3.089<br>3.274<br>3.567<br>3.567<br>3.567<br>3.567<br>3.567<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742<br>3.742 |

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